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| 1. Child Welfare Home-SAA | 9. St. Joseph's Primary School |
| 2. Home for Destitute Children | 10. St. Mary's Middle School |
| 3. Boy's Home for Children | 11. St. Joseph's Hr. Sec. School |
| 4. Girl's Home for Children | 12. After Care Home (Above 18 Years) |
| 5. St. Joseph's Intellectually Disabled Home-MR | 13. St. Joseph's Type-Writing Institute |
| 6. St. Joseph's Mentally Ill Home-MI | 14. St. Anne's Teacher Training Institute |
| 7. St. Francis Xavier Rescue Home | 15. St. Joseph's Industrial School (Tailoring & TTC) |
| 8. Home for the Aged (Men and Women) | 16. St. Joseph's Computer Centre |
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Greetings to all the members of ARAM SEI of Virapandianpatnam living all over the World

'Think Globally & Act Locally' is very much applicable for the ARAM SEI members, working in and mostly outside of our native, Virapandianpatnam. Following the words "திரைகடல்ஓடியும்திரவியம்தேடு" of ஓளவையார் in கொன்றைவேந்தன், you have been sent forth from our village as a population so as to bring forth name and fame. Glad to know of your expertise and good to see you shining.

Now, our village itself is in need of its own saviours, especially for the students in need. Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, Our former Prime Minister said once: "The one who has forgotten his/her roots cannot be a great person in a society". And by your grateful hearts and the great attitude of gratitude, you are proving yourselves to be greater persons. Congratulations!

ARAM SEI reminds me of the proverb "Charity begins at home", while limiting your financial assistance to the sons and daughters of our native village of Virapandianpatnam alone. Our village also has brainy, talented, skilled sons and daughters, but financial backup is lacking in the lives of many children just because they happened to be born in the loving but financially poor families. We are greatly impressed to see ARAM SEI coming to their rescue, playing the role of a Good Samaritan and also following them up with constant care, etc., As I recall this approach of ARAM SEI, I am reminded of the saying of Blessed Adolf Kolping: "If everyone does his/her best, the world will be different tomorrow". Why not, this approach of ARAM SEI is edifying for many other young ones elsewhere to do the same in their respective places of origin in developing it in particular, thus leading to the development of the Society at large.

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"Give me one hundred 'believing' young men... I will transform India as the number one nation in the entire world" was the clarion call of Swami Vivekananda. And we see tens and hundreds of Pattanam young ones, putting your hearts and soul in the development of the society of Virapandianpattanam through education.

We greatly appreciate you for having the developmental concept: "Don't give them fish, but teach them how to fish". We are in the World of Information, wherein knowledge is power. And, dissemination of knowledge, distribution of finance and empowerment are the keys that make go ahead in helping the students in Need. And for that, you spend your 'Time, Talents and Treasures'. Also, we know very well that we are in the World of Competition, Covetousness, and Cutthroat tendencies; In such a World, we find you being caring, concerned, encouraging and committed to the need.

The members of ARAM SEI come across to me as a 'THINK TANK'. By using your respective skills and talents and working, you generate the human resources among yourselves and in our village youth as well. Pope St. Paul VI said while making his Papal visit to our Nation: "India, your own sons and daughters will be the means of your salvation". What a great prophesy!

It is rightly said: "Coming together is the beginning; Keeping together is the progress and working together is the success". I wish and pray that your togetherness achieves lots of successful stories in the coming days.

We are proud of you. God Bless you. Prayers assured.

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Yours fraternally,

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